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For: SCHEDULE RETRIEVAL METHOD FOR CONTROLLING
SCHEDULES AND SCHEDULE SERVER APPARATUS
WITH MULTISTAGEOUS IDLE-TIME RETRIEVAL MEANS

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Examiner: N. Nguyen

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 20, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2000
(Paper No. 5), please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 8-14 are pending. Claim 7 has been cancelled
without prejudice or disclaimer.

The sole outstanding issue is the rejection of the claims
under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double-
patenting as being unpatentable over claims 10-14, 1, 2, and 5,

respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 5,974,394, the parent of the present application. This rejection is rendered moot by virtue of the concurrently filed Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and early notice thereof is courteously requested. Should any questions remain, however, the Examiner is invited to telephone applicants' attorney at (703) 312-6600.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.35669CX1).

Respectfully submitted,

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